



St. Matthew Peace & Justice Ministry

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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2012

Dear Friends,

As St. Matthew begins its 26th year as a parish, we are an increasingly engaged community of Catholics. A significant part of our engagement is expressed in the spiritual, cultural and financial decisions we make.

This year, the St. Matthew Peace and Justice Ministry has changed the focus of this guide to help us reflect on how we spend our time, talent and treasure. Hopefully, these reflections might encourage each of us to consider that how and where we spend these valuable resources has local and global effects on our sisters and brothers.

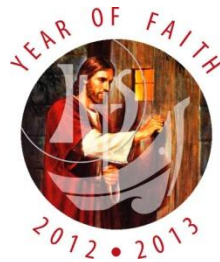
I invite you to take a few moments and to look over the good works that you will find in this guide. I pray that these suggestions may help you cultivate a spirit of socially conscious spending throughout the year.

May God continue to bless you always and in all ways.

God's Blessings,

Reverend Monsignor John J. McSweeney

Pastor of St. Matthew Catholic Church



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A Child's Place

A Child's Place (ACP) works to erase the impact of homelessness on children and their education. ACP began in 1989 when a group of women were walking through a cemetery in downtown Charlotte and noticed a group of kids playing. When asked why the kids were not in school the children explained that they were not allowed to enroll in school without a permanent address. The group of women began offering school for this group of 27 children in a one room schoolhouse provided by First Presbyterian Church with a teacher from CMS. In 1989, the McKinney-Vento Act was passed protecting the educational rights of homeless children and ensuring that they would be provided the necessities to regularly attend school. ACP works to remove the barriers facing our client children so that they may complete their education and make school the most stable part of their lives. We provide educational and emotional support services as well as medical referrals to keep our client children healthy and in the classroom.

With homelessness involving children rapidly increasing, there is a growing need for monetary donations as well as **volunteers**. Monetary **donations** can be made on the website, <http://achildsplace.org>, where you will also find many ways to help throughout the year.

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The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree at St. Matthew benefits many organizations throughout our community during the Christmas season. The **donated gifts** go to children from Smithfield Elementary, Sterling Elementary, Hawk Ridge Elementary, and families through Charlotte Emergency Housing. Gifts also are given to residents at Holy Angels in Belmont. Wal-Mart **Gift Cards** enable Senior Citizens to acquire medicine and other supplies. Other recipient organizations include the Mental Health Adolescent Division, Missionaries of the Poor in Monroe, and Thompson Children's Center.

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Burial Assistance Program

The Burial Assistance Program is a ministry of Catholic Social Services (CSS) Charlotte Regional Office which began in 1994 when Mecklenburg County discontinued funding assistance for indigent burials. The program assists families with limited resources in the burial of a family member who lived in Mecklenburg County.

CSS provides the social service support and eligibility verification for the program to serve families that have no insurance, are unable to negotiate financial arrangements with a funeral home, and do not have sufficient funds to even cover the program's cost of the burial.

For additional information, call 704-370-3232 or email csscro@charlottediocese.org. Make a **contribution** online at www.cssnc.org, then click on the “Donate” tab; or mail a check to: Catholic Social Services, Charlotte Regional Office, Burial Assistance Program, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203. Be sure to designate **Burial Assistance**.

Donated Goods

The Donated Goods Ministry delivers donations to the Charlotte area and western North Carolina area thrift stores who sell these items to support their respective ministry. The ministry accepts usable and sellable items including gently used furniture and stand-alone appliances. Clothing in all sizes for men, women and children is accepted and must be clean, not torn. **We do not** except baby cribs, soiled mattresses, oversized TVs, old computers and monitors. **Collections** are on the second Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon in the St. Matthew Donated Goods Storage area located under the Daily Mass Chapel. **Volunteers** help receive goods, pick up donations in the area, and pack and load the trucks.

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Family Assist Program

The St. Matthew Family Assist Program requests Wal-Mart and Target **gift cards** to share with parish families. This helps to cover a variety of needs including prescriptions, medical needs and/or clothing. Gift cards allow those in the parish community who are ill, families with children, or who have special dietary needs, the opportunity to purchase household products and perishable health-conscious foods.

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Food Pantry

The St. Matthew Food Pantry provides food to needy families in the greater Charlotte area and food baskets to Catholic Social Services at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Non-perishable items are collected on the first Sunday of each month. **Volunteers** help on the Monday after the collection. **Gift Cards** from area grocery stores also are used to supplement the food baskets. The Food Pantry is located in the storage room beneath the Daily Mass Chapel. For a list of suggested donations, visit <http://stmatthewcatholic.org/ministries/service-ministries> and scroll down to click on “Food Panty”.

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Friendship Trays

Friendship Trays is a community program delivering, in a caring and friendly manner, balanced meals to individuals in the community who are unable, because of age or infirmity, to obtain and prepare their own meals. **Volunteers** are needed to pick up meals for delivery Monday through Friday between 11 and 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.friendshiptrays.org.

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Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity helps build low-cost housing for families in need and provides meals for workers each weekend during the construction phase. St. Matthew has completed seven Habitat houses.

The **Charlotte ReStore** has three money-generating programs at their 1133 North Wendover Road location: Julia's Cafe & Used Bookstore, Metal Recycling, and Deconstruction items. For more information, visit <http://www.charlotterestore.org>.

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Homeless Shelters

☀ A **volunteer** group of parishioners prepares and serves dinner on the second Saturday evening of odd-numbered months and lunch on all fifth Saturdays at the **Men's Shelter of Charlotte North Tryon Campus** and serves dinner on the second Tuesday of every month at the **Statesville Avenue Shelter**. **Volunteers and team coordinators** also are needed to sort and distribute clothing twice a week.

A St. Matthew quarterly **collection** of men's underwear for the Men's Shelter of Charlotte is conducted in November, February, May and August. For a list of items needed throughout the year, visit <http://www.mensshelterofcharlotte.org/get-involved/wish-list>.

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☀ The **Salvation Army Center of Hope** is a 24/7 facility for homeless women and children. The St. Matthew Women's Guild organizes a **collection** of bed and bath linens and toiletries for the Center of Hope. For an extended list of needed items, visit <http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/commands/charlotte/contribute/donategoods>.

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Lunch To Go

Volunteers prepare and deliver sandwiches and cookies twice a week to the Union County Community Shelter for residents to take with them to work. The shelter provides temporary housing, food, and basic services to men, women, and families who are homeless. For more ways to help, visit <http://www.unionshelter.org/volunteer-opportunities.cfm/id/How-You-Can-Help>.

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Missionaries of the Poor

The Missionaries of the Poor (MOP) is an international monastic order of brothers dedicated to joyful service with Christ on the Cross to serve the poorest of the poor. The order was started in 1981 by Father Richard Ho Lung and has now grown to more than 550 brothers. MOP has free missions around the globe with the main home in Kingston, Jamaica, where they maintain six apostolates, two monasteries and a retreat house. The Brothers also serve the Lord with their acts of mercy in India, the Philippines, Haiti, Uganda, Kenya and the United States.

The Brothers welcome visitors to come and **join them in their work**. And, they welcome **contributions and food donations**. For nine years, St. Matthew has collected food and shipped it to Haiti where MOP Brothers distribute it to residents of their mission homes, as well as to people in the community. Teams and individuals from St. Matthew have made mission trips to Jamaica and Haiti since 1998.

In 2008 the Brothers opened Guardian Angels Monastery in Monroe, NC, their first mission house in the U.S. For details, visit <http://www.missionariesofthepoor.org/usa-monroe-nc.php>.

At the MOP website www.missionariesofthepoor.org you will find a list of items always needed as well as music CDs and books for purchase.

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Refugee Resettlement Ministry

The Refugee Resettlement Ministry **adopts refugee families** during their first six months in the U.S. Services include welcoming the family at the airport, donating home furnishings and money, furniture pickup and delivery as well as providing food and friendship.

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Additional Socially Conscious Spending Options

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, under the auspices of the Centralina Area Agency on Aging works with volunteer committee appointees to improve the quality of care for their elderly and disabled residents. Committee members act as community representatives to ensure that residents understand the Residents' Bill of Rights and that facility staff encourage their residents to assert those rights. Preparation and involvement include training, visiting facilities, talking with residents, conferences with administrators, quarterly committee meetings, complaint investigation and report writing. For additional information on volunteering, visit <http://centralinaaging.org/Volunteers/Volunteer.htm#Community> and click on "Community Advisory Committee".

Christ Our Shepherd Child Development Campus (501c3 nonprofit) provides a safe and nurturing environment for the children of two parent and single parent households. All activities focus on sharing the love, compassion and word of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. A limited number of child care scholarships are available to single parent households. The Christian Library is open to the public for an annual fee. To volunteer or donate, visit www.coskids.org.

Crisis Assistance Ministry (CAM) serves the low-income citizens of Mecklenburg County, often classified as "the working poor," who are facing financial emergencies and are struggling to meet life's basic needs. Volunteers also are needed to interview, file, sort clothing, and/or work in the clothing store. For more information, visit www.crisisassistance.org.

Matthews Help Center provides care for families and individuals in meeting life's basic needs. They accept monetary donations as well as clothing and/or household item donations for their *Backporch Treasures* thrift shop. For more information, visit www.matthewshelpcenter.org.

Supportive Housing Innovative Partnership (SHIP) is a collaborative effort between the Charlotte Housing Authority, The Salvation Army and St. Gabriel and St. Matthew to furnish apartments for women and children as they make progress towards independent living. For more information, visit <http://stmatthewcatholic.org/ministries/service-ministries>, then click on "Supportive Housing Innovative Partnership".

Harris Teeter's **Together in Education (TIE)** is a fund raising program for schools (public or private, preschool through 12th grade) in our communities. When customers purchase select Harris Teeter Brand products using their VIC card, Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of those purchase dollars to the schools of their choice. You can support your own children's school as well as link to a predominantly low-income school (e.g. Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School - 2477 or Thomasboro Elementary – 4362). Sign up to link your VIC card at http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/tie_details.aspx

United Family Services' Shelter for Battered Women serves victims of intimate partner violence (women and their children). The services include shelter, food, crisis intervention and counseling, all with the goal of empowering women to break the cycle of intimate partner violence and building safer, healthier lives. Volunteers and/or monetary contributions are always welcome to support the United Family Services mission of providing hope and solutions to people in crisis. For more information, visit www.unitedfamilyservices.org.

Urban Ministry Center (UMC) is where 500-600 of our neighbors who are homeless visit each day. They come to relieve their hunger in the Soup Kitchen, to enjoy art or other community programs, to get treatment, and to connect with the housing programs to eventually take steps out of homelessness. To see how UMC uses resources, view the latest Impact Summary at http://www.urbanministrycenter.org/images/stories/ImpactSummary2011_FINAL.pdf. Find Volunteer opportunities at <http://www.urbanministrycenter.org/volunteer>. Find the items most needed on the UMC Wish List at <http://www.urbanministrycenter.org/support-us/wish-list>. The Urban Ministry Center's annual holiday honor card is a wonderful way to honor the birth of Jesus by directly helping the least of our brothers and sisters. The holiday card features artwork by an artist in UMC's art program. When you send in your donation you can request to have the cards sent to you for mailing or for the cards to be mailed by UMC in your name. Details at <http://www.urbanministrycenter.org/support-us/honor-card> after October 1.

Voter Registration - Register to vote so you can exercise your right on November 6, 2012. The voter registration deadline is October 9 in SC; October 12 in NC. Individuals in NC who miss the registration deadline may register in person and then vote at one-stop voting sites in the person's county of residence during the one-stop absentee voting period (Early Voting). Absentee ballots may be requested by mail, should be postmarked no later than election day, and must be received no later than three days after the election. In NC, for more information and a voter registration form, visit www.ncsbe.gov. In SC, visit <http://www.scvotes.org/>.

The Word Among Us Partners provides spiritual materials to Catholics in need. Through donations to the ministry, the daily Scripture reading and meditation magazine is sent to prisoners, service men and women, and women experiencing crisis pregnancy or who have had an abortion. Make a donation at <http://waupartners.org/about/>.

Fair Trade: A Commitment to Building Relationships

☑ Featured Vendors at the International Fair Trade Market

October 21, 2012, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., St. Matthew Banquet Room

At its heart, Fair Trade is about building respectful, enduring relationships. The commitment criteria below were drawn from the Fair Trade Federation, a trade association for Fair Trade businesses in the United States and Canada:

- Paying a **fair wage** in the local context
- Offering employees **opportunities for advancement**
- Providing **equal employment opportunities** for all people, particularly the most disadvantaged
- Engaging in **environmentally sustainable practices**
- Being open to **public accountability**
- Building **long-term trade relationships**
- Providing **healthy and safe working conditions** within the local context
- Providing **financial and technical assistance** to producers whenever possible

For more information, visit www.fairtradefederation.org. The following organizations and programs are committed to some or all of the criteria listed above:

☑ **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Fair Trade:** The daily decisions we make as a consumer can make a real, positive difference in the world. When we choose to buy fair trade products we are making a strong connection with hardworking, but impoverished workers around the world. For more information, visit www.crsfairtrade.org.

Handcrafting Justice is a fair trade project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, working in cooperation with women struggling for economic justice and independence in the developing world. The Sisters work with and assist the women in their efforts to create employment for themselves in order to provide for their families. For more information, visit <http://handcraftingjustice.cedris.org/index.php?lang=en&pt=c&p=aboutUs>

Heifer International provides livestock, trees, training and other resources to help struggling families build sustainable futures. Gifts range from \$10 for a share of a goat to \$500 for a heifer. For more information and/or to place an order, visit www.heifer.org.

Kiva is a person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the globe. For more information, visit www.kiva.org.

☑ **Project Have Hope** works to empower women in the Acholi Quarter of Uganda by providing education to both the women and their children and by assisting the women in establishing opportunities to promote economic stability and sustainability. One way to help is to buy Acholi jewelry made from recycled paper. For more information and/or to host a bead party, visit www.projecthavehope.org.

Ten Thousand Villages is a fair trade retailer offering gifts, home décor, jewelry, art and sculptures handcrafted by artisans around the world. To find a store near you, visit www.tenthousandvillages.com/stores or shop online at www.tenthousandvillages.com.

Learning from the Labels

As demand for economic and environmental responsibility grows, more and more labels and logos are appearing on products to help consumers make informed decisions. As of March 2012, these are the definitions for Fair Trade. The use of certification labels and organizational logos is evolving in today's marketplace. To keep up with the latest developments, visit <http://crsfairtrade.org> and <http://ftrn.org>.



Name: CRS Fair Trade Program

Issuing Organization: Catholic Relief Services

This logo is used on all CRS Fair Trade program materials - brochures, web pages, e-newsletter - as well as many products offered by members of the CRS Fair Trade network of fully committed fair trade organizations. You may also see this logo on sweatshop-free shirts or other gear worn by a select group of Ambassadors, who are spreading the message of fair trade in their communities. This logo does not represent a third party inspection and verification system but is a marketing tool to help build awareness and identify relationships.



Name: Fair Trade Federation

Issuing Organization: Fair Trade Federation

The Fair Trade Federation logo is used by members of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF), an association of organizations fully committed to fair trade principles. It does not represent a third-party inspection and verification system; therefore, it is not a certification. Instead it indicates that a company has met the membership criteria of FTF. When you buy from companies authorized to use the FTF label, you can be assured that the company is fully committed to fair trade. FTF upholds nine fair trade principles. For more information, visit <http://www.fairtradeprinciples.org>.



Name: Fair Trade USA

Certifying Agency: Scientific Certification Systems

The Fair Trade Certified label is regulated by Fair Trade USA (formerly TransFair USA). In January 2012, FTUSA left the global fair trade system and began using a new label. The label is in transition in the marketplace so you may see a version of either the one known as "bucket boy" on the left or the "basket lady" on the right. Similarly, products that have fair trade certified ingredients which are significant to the formulation of the product (ex. ice cream) can bear a label denoting Fair Trade certified ingredients. The standards by which



FTUSA regulates use of the labels and “seals” is currently under revision. FTUSA certifies transactions, not companies. For more information, visit <http://fairtradeusa.org/certification/label-usage>.



Name: Fairtrade International
Certifying Agency: FLO-Cert

Fairtrade International (also known as FLO) maintains an international register of fair trade certified cooperatives and plantations that have met its standards. Currently, working through Fairtrade Canada, FLO also licenses U.S. companies to sell coffee, chocolate, tea, sugar, etc. FLO certifies transactions, not companies. For more information, visit <http://www.fairtrade.net/standards.html>.



Name: Fair for Life
Certifying Agency: Institute for Marketecology

The Swiss based Institute for Marketecology (IMO) manages “Fair for Life”, a neutral, third party certification program for social accountability and fair trade to complement existing fair trade certification systems and cover many agricultural, manufacturing and trading operations that may be excluded from independent verification and fair trade certification. The IMO Social & Fair Trade Certification Program combines social and fair trade standards with adaptability to local conditions. It also certifies all critical steps in the value chain. For more information, visit <http://fairforlife.net>.



Name: Rainforest Alliance Certified
Certifying Agency: Rainforest Alliance

Rainforest Alliance Certification promotes the conservation of native ecosystems and forest protection by assuring compliance with a range of environmental, social and organizational standards. The primary focus of the Rainforest Alliance Certification is environmental, and is increasingly popular with companies interested in “sustainability.” For more information, visit <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/agriculture/standards>.



Name: Certified Organic
Certifying Agency: United States Department of Agriculture

The USDA has established a comprehensive set of standards that must be met by anyone who uses the "organic" label in the United States. USDA standards on food focus on the products used in growing our food and the processes by which our food is handled. USDA organic standards prohibit the use of antibiotics, genetic engineering and most synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. USDA accredits more than 50 certifying organizations that actually inspect producers to verify compliance with its standards. For

more information, visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMsv1.0/nop>.



Name: Whole Foods Market

Certifying Agencies: Fair Trade USA, IMO, Rainforest Alliance, Quality Assurance International - Organics

The national chain of Whole Foods Markets works with certifiers to identify products that meet criteria in four specific areas. Similar to Starbucks' "CAFÉ Practices," this is a company-driven effort to address concerns related to value chain practices. The Whole Trade guarantee is concerned with: Establishing high quality standards, providing more money to producers, ensuring better wages and working conditions for workers, and caring for the environment. For more information, visit <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/products/whole-trade.php>

Advocacy Opportunities

Catholic Charities USA provides action alerts on national legislative action at <http://capwiz.com/catholiccharitiesusa/mlm/signup/>.

Catholic Relief Services – sign up for international advocacy news and action alerts at http://actioncenter.crs.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ccgp_signup.

Catholic Voice NC, founded in 2008, CVNC seeks to bring the Catholic perspective into those areas where faith and public policy intersect. To receive legislative alerts, visit <http://www.catholicvoicenc.org/> and click on the "Join Us" button.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops provides action alerts from the Justice Peace and Human Development Department (JPHD) on national legislation at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/capwiz/capwiz-signup.cfm>. You also can email JPHDmail@usccb.org to sign up for action alerts.

Catholic Social Teaching Documents

Catholic Social Teaching Documents - Modern Catholic social teaching is the body of social principles and moral teaching that is articulated in the papal, conciliar, and other official documents issued since the late 19th century and dealing with the economic, political, and social order. This teaching is rooted in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as well as in traditional philosophical and theological teachings of the Church. Find these documents at <http://www.osjspm.org/CatholicSocialTeachingMajorDocuments>.

Faithful Citizenship - *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States* provides a framework for Catholics

in the United States at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

SEASONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

ADVENT, a season of hope as well as penance, begins the liturgical year on the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS begins with Christmas Day, goes through Epiphany (the Twelve Days of Christmas) and concludes with the Baptism of the Lord.

LENT is sometimes described as the “Church on retreat.” A season of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, Lent is a time to reflect on how well we are living out our baptism.

THE TRIDUUM or Paschal Triduum (three days) begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes on Easter evening.

EASTER is the season following Easter evening and concluding on Pentecost Sunday.

ORDINARY TIME is the only liturgical season that comes in two sections. The first begins with the Baptism of the Lord and goes until Ash Wednesday. The second follows Pentecost and concludes with the Feast of Christ the King.



Grow in the Spirit of Stewardship

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that touches all aspects of our lives. All we have has been entrusted to us. Take some time throughout the year to reflect on the ways you can become the good steward God intended you to be.

Stewardship of Prayer: Commit to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to ten minutes of daily prayer.

Stewardship of Family: Set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule dates with your spouse, plan family outings and go to Mass together.

Stewardship of Health: Schedule medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise to your daily routine.

Stewardship of Possessions: Consider how to possess less. Consider ways to reduce the amount of *stuff* you own. Consider donating to the St. Matthew Donated Goods ministry held the second Saturday of each month (p. 4).

Stewardship of the Parish Family: Commit to serve your faith community in some new way. For example, make sandwiches for the shelters, greet visitors or teach your faith. Plan to visit the Ministry Fair in September to find new possibilities for service.

Stewardship of Money: Review your annual budget. Reprioritize your goals to ensure the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Stewardship of Work: Be faithful to your daily work and offer it up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship of Mind: Keep your mind active. Be more informed about the issues of the day. Find a good book and read it. Focus on the true, lovely and admirable.

Stewardship of Neighbor: Be a person of hospitality. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger needs a word of kindness, an attentive ear or an affirming gesture.

**"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10**

St. Matthew Stewardship Committee
(Adapted from the International Catholic Stewardship Council)



JustFaith
is here
at St. Matthew Church!

JustFaith is a small group program that focuses on discipleship, engagement in the life of Jesus, and compassion for the poor and the most vulnerable in today's world. Meeting weekly, small groups of 10-16 people make use of prayer, books, videos, discussion, retreats and hands-on experiences. The program provides a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the healing work of God's compassion found in Scripture, Catholic Church history and teaching, and faithful witnesses. *JustFaith* is a lively, challenging, multifaceted process that is nationally recognized and currently used in over 1,500 parishes involving 30,000 people. Sessions run September through May.

For more information, visit <http://www.justfaith.org/about/>, contact Terri Jarina at tjarina@windstream.net or 704-243-1217, or Gail O'Brien at gailsobrien@gmail.com or (704) 488-5412



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Mission Statement: The Peace and Justice Ministry of St. Matthew Catholic Church strives to shine a light on injustices, as well as to educate and to engage our parishioners and our community on ways to achieve justice for every human person.

The **Peace and Justice Ministry** meets periodically throughout the year.

As part of our mission, we:

- Distribute the **Socially Conscious Spending Guide**
- Host the **International Fair Trade Market** at St. Matthew. This year it is on October 21, 2012, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the New Life Center Banquet Room.
- Publicize additional workshops and events in the church bulletin and on the St. Matthew website at www.stmatthewcatholic.org.

For more information on the Peace and Justice Ministry, contact coordinator Terri Jarina at tjarina@windstream.net or 704-243-1217.

Like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/StMatthewPandJMinistry>

“A child without food and shoes was asked, ‘If God loved you, wouldn’t you have food and shoes?’ ‘God told someone,’ the youngster replied, ‘but they forgot.’”

~ George Buttrick